

### Media talking points

- FAFSA Frenzy makes applying for financial aid easier for students and their families by providing free help to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completing a FAFSA is the first step in applying for federal financial aid and many state aid programs.
- During the 2015–2016 academic year, Missouri college students received \$2.18 billion in federal financial aid and \$1.66 billion in additional financial aid from other sources, such as the state of Missouri and postsecondary institutions.
- The Missouri Department of Higher Education and the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel are partnering to bring FAFSA Frenzy to Missouri for 2019–20. To assist students and parents with the FAFSA process, free one-on-one assistance will be available at FAFSA Frenzy events/activities from October to January. Dates, times and locations for most events will be available this fall at <https://journeytocollege.mo.gov/fafsa-frenzy/>.
- FAFSA Frenzy sites operating during winter months may have postponements due to inclement weather. Inclement weather dates can be found at <https://journeytocollege.mo.gov/fafsa-frenzy/>.
- Local FAFSA Frenzy events will be held on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Students and their parents will be able to complete the 2020–2021 FAFSA on site and obtain valuable information about the process and next steps.
- Students can apply for a scholarship at a FAFSA Frenzy event/activity. Winners will receive their scholarships upon receipt of enrollment documentation for the 2020 fall term in a Missouri postsecondary program.
- 2019–20 FAFSA Frenzy events will mark the 17th year that Missouri has offered FAFSA Frenzy. Since 2004, these events have helped more than 25,000 Missouri students complete the FAFSA.
- FAFSA Frenzy is a part of national completion efforts headed up by the National College Access Network (<http://www.collegeaccess.org/>). To obtain additional information or to access a complete list of FAFSA Frenzy events, visit <https://journeytocollege.mo.gov/fafsa-frenzy/>.